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1. FIRST ROUND OF ARGUMENTS IN SAHARA ADVISORY OPINION
PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED JULY 22 WITH SPANISH REPS CONTINUING TO
CONTEST MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN CLAIMS TO HAVE EXERCISED
SOVEREIGNTY OVER TERRITORY PRIOR TO COLONIZATION. SECOND
ROUND TO BEGIN JULY 24 WITH MOROCCO SPEAKING.

2. SPANISH REPS CONCLUDED FIRST STAGE PRESENTATION BY ASKING
ICJ TO FIND THAT AT MOMENT OF COLONIZATION NO SOVEREIGNTY
EXISTED OR WAS EXERCISED WHATSOEVER AND THAT NO JURIDICAL
LINK EXISTED WITH MOROCCO OR WITH MAURITANIAN ENTITY.
SPAIN WOULD BE WILLING TRANSFER TERRITORY TO ITS FUTURE
LEGAL OWNERS, AND SPAIN WAS READY HAVE TALKS WITH ALL
REGIONAL STATES ON QUESTIONS OF MAINTAINING PEACE AND SECURITY.
ACCORDING TO SPANISH REP SELF DETERMINATION OF PEOPLE OF
WESTERN SAHARA SHOULD ENABLE THEM TO FIND THEIR NATIONAL PLACE
WITHIN COMMUNITY OF ARAB NATIONS.

3. EMBASSY IS POUCHING FULL SET OF VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS TO
DEPT FOR L AND SET OF TRANSCRIPTS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY REPS
TO THEIR RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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